

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE APHIS/CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COORDINATION GROUP

1. PURPOSE

This Directive establishes the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) integrated Agency-wide Coordination Group to facilitate interaction between APHIS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services because of recent concern about the increased potential for animal-to-human transmission of disease. This Group will address ongoing issues and activities and provide a mechanism for a coordinated, targeted way for APHIS and CDC to accomplish its collective goals.

2. GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The APHIS/CDC Coordination Group will consist of APHIS staff members from various program areas including: National Surveillance Unit, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories, National Animal Health Laboratory Network, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Animal Care, Emergency Management and Diagnostics, Plant Protection and Quarantine, National Center for Import and Export/Select Agents, Wildlife Services, International Services, and the APHIS Medical Officer.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Group will:

- a. Provide a formal structure for APHIS and CDC interactions.
- b. Be chaired by the APHIS, VS, Emergency Management veterinary liaison for CDC. He/she will assist the Associate Deputy Administrator, VS, Emergency Management and Diagnostics (EMD), in fulfilling that office's responsibilities as a member of CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) Board of Scientific Counselors by keeping that office informed and aware of all ongoing CDC issues and activities.
- c. Form subgroups of experts to address specific issues or concerns raised in the Coordination Group.
- d. Report on significant items to APHIS management on a regular basis.

- e. Update and inform their respective program Deputy Administrators on all APHIS/CDC interagency issues and activities on a regular basis.

4. INQUIRIES

- a. Any questions regarding this Directive should be directed to VS, EMD, on 301-734-8073.
- b. This Directive can be accessed at *www.aphis.usda.gov/library*

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